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521 At feasts, when the old rites are put on,
178 the old people reminisce over the old days and
887 the old ways, especially when they get drunk.
Then they are mournful.

562 There are no women in politics. They do not
641 come to the election meetings and have no voice
in the government. They are not even reckoned
in when the population is totaled to determine
the number of electors. They have no political
representation, and Migo says that everyone
would be against having women take any part in
politics. It is simply not right.

829 He says that they are stupid here. By this
he means only a few people know anything or
ever say anything about Flores or Indonesian
politics. And even about the local affairs they
say almost nothing. It is starting today, and
there are a few people who are thinking a lit-
tle. But how absolutely rudimentary it is!
This is the most backward place yet, by far.

Locally the people have a vague idea that
Roworeke is the most important kampong in the
district, because it is the center. The fact
is, and the kapitan and a few others know this,
that rank and influence of the districts in
Ende is in the following order: Nggobe, Rodja,
Rewarangga, and Pulo Ende. Below this are the
other five. About all the people know is that
Nggobe is by far the largest, the most populous,
and thus the greatest.

They do not know what Ende's place in Flores
is, or anything about the place which Flores
occupies in Indonesia. This is beyond their
ken. There are no political ambitions (yet
note that the suku Reandona has been trying to
get a man into the kapitan post). They are
politically dead. They know and talk nothing
about the Dutch, the Indonesian Republic, etc.

They knew that the Queen was their radja be-
fore, but that didn't mean much. They know